

## **Categorical Exclusion - Drinking Water**

[40 CFR 6.107]

Project Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Grant Number \_\_\_\_\_

Categorical Exclusions (CEs) are identified categories of actions which do not individually, cumulatively overtime, or in conjunction with other Federal, State, local or private actions have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment.

Based upon the existing information, does the drinking water (DW) project meet any of the general categories in Table 1.

<b>Table 1. General Categories of Projects That Qualify for a CE [ 40 CFR 6.107(d)]</b>	
<b>Minor rehabilitation of existing facilities</b> This includes, but is not limited to, equipment rehabilitation at existing water plant, pumping, or storage facilities. It also includes the replacement of existing water lines constructed in already disturbed areas within the existing system service areas intended to serve existing customers, as well as modest growth (less than 10%) within the existing service resulting in no change in existing land use.  <u>Describe:</u>	Yes _____ No _____
<b>Functional replacement of equipment</b> This includes equipment replacement or modification at existing water plant, pumping, or storage facilities with no significant change in capacity.  <u>Describe:</u>	Yes _____ No _____
<b>Ancillary facilities adjacent or appurtenant to existing facilities</b> This includes new water lines in previously disturbed areas within approximately one-half mile of existing distribution system and storage facilities for the purpose of system reliability and serving primarily existing residential or commercial users.  <u>Describe:</u>	Yes _____ No _____

**If all answers in Table 1 are “No”, then an Environmental Information Document (EID)**

**must be prepared.**

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**If any answer in Table 1 is “Yes”, then the following questions in Table 2 must be answered:**

<b>Table 2. Criteria That Prevent Granting a CE [40 CFR 6.107(e)]</b>	
The action is known or expected to have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment, either individually, cumulatively over time, or in conjunction with other federal, State, local, tribal or private actions.	Yes _____ No _____
The action is known or expected to directly or indirectly affect cultural resources areas such as archaeological and historic sites.	Yes _____ No _____
The action is known or expected to directly or indirectly affect endangered or threatened species and their critical habitats.	Yes _____ No _____
The action is known or expected to directly or indirectly affect environmentally important natural resource areas such as floodplains, wetlands, important farmlands, or aquifer recharge zones.	Yes _____ No _____
The action is known or expected not to be cost-effective.	Yes _____ No _____
The action is known or expected to cause significant public controversy.	Yes _____ No _____

**If any of the answers to the questions in Table 2 are “Yes,” then a Categorical Exclusion can not be granted and an Environmental Information Document (EID) must be prepared.**

List names and dates of documents used in making this evaluation.

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Final Recommendation \_\_\_\_\_

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Date of recommendation \_\_\_\_\_